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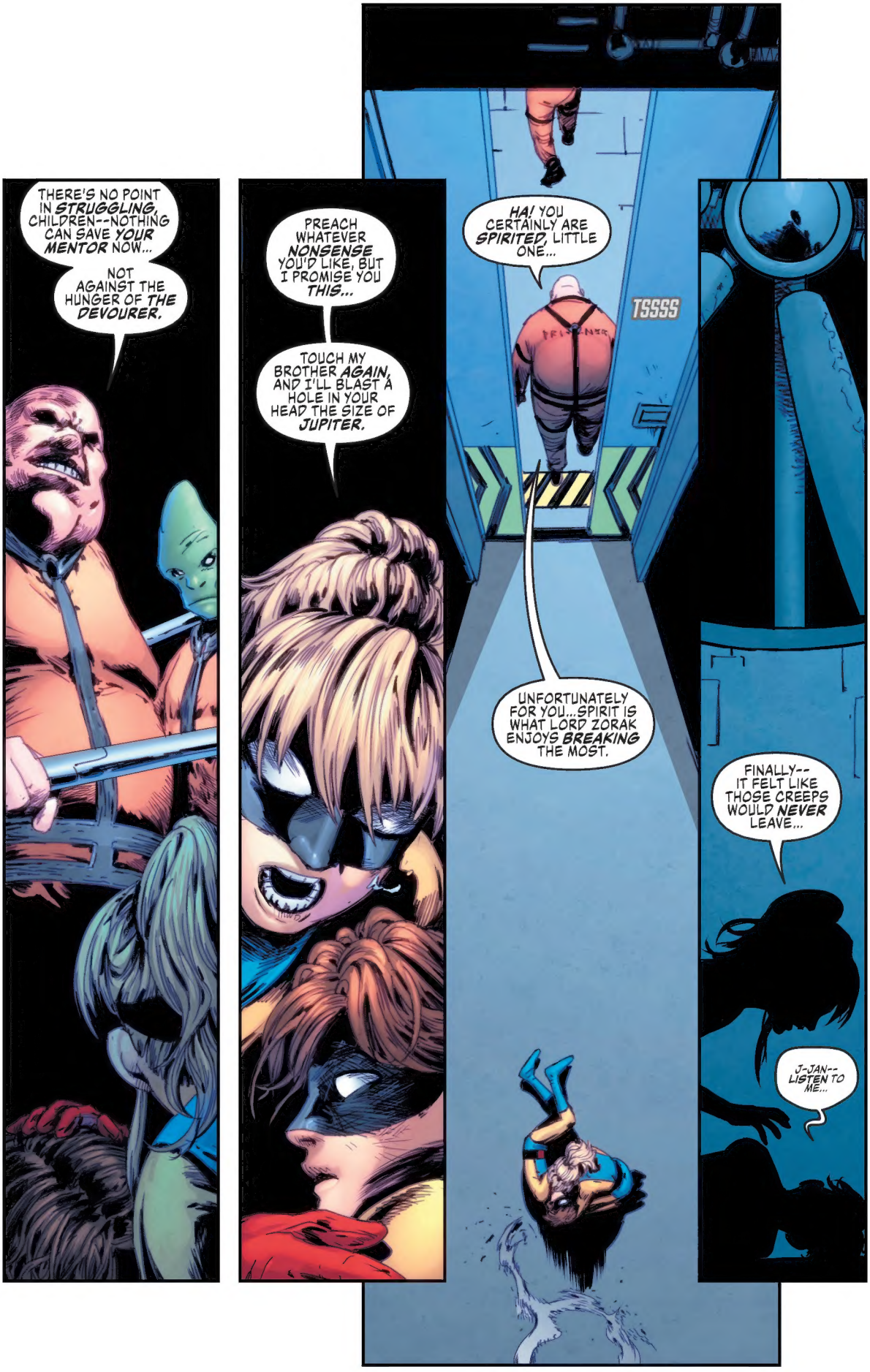
COMMANDER--STRIKE TEAM IS READY TO BREACH THE COLLIDER!
NEGATIVE, DO NOT ENGAGE--THAT LUNATIC'S TAKEN HOSTAGES!
I REPEAT, DO NOT ENG--
WHAT THE?!
VVVVVVVVVV
WHERE IS HE?!
THRAKK
YOU CAN'T HIDE HIM FROM ME, YOU MANIACS!
I WON'T ASK YOU PEOPLE AGAIN...
WHERE IS ZORAK?!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

HEH-- IT'S JUST AS THEY SAY, OLD FRIEND...
SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...AND THE DEVIL HIMSELF SHALL APPEAR.
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP

YOU'VE GOT FIVE SECONDS TO TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE DONE WITH JAN AND JACE.
AH... YOU'RE REFERRING TO YOUR CHARMING ACOLYTES?
OF COURSE, I UNDERSTAND YOUR RAGE COMPLETELY...
TO ENJOY THAT KIND OF YOUTHFUL REVERENCE IS... INTOXICATING.
RUN, SPACE GHOST, IT'S A TRAP--
NYARRGH!
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT, ZORAK?
THE SAME THING THAT EVERY PROPHET WANTS... TO WITNESS THE DIVINE.
BUT IN MY BOUNDLESS MERCY, I WILL SPARE YOUR CHILDREN UNDER ONE CONDITION...
SURRENDER... AND KNEEL BEFORE ME.
...
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES, ZORAK...
YOU WIN.

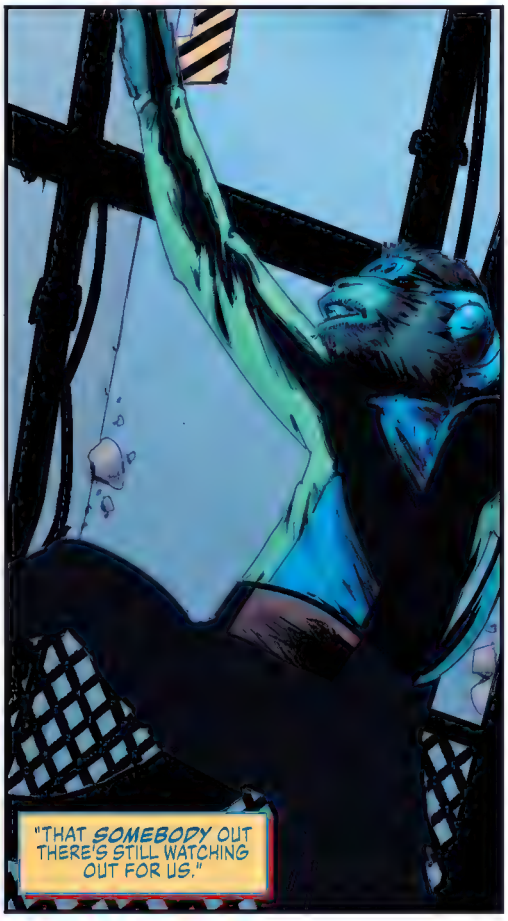
"BUT IF YOU HURT THOSE KIDS...NOT EVEN HELL ITSELF WILL SAVE YOU FROM ME."
THIS IS BAD, JACE--WE'VE GOTTA HELP SPACE GHOST...
WAY AHEAD OF YOU, JAN--I'VE ALREADY SLIPPED MY CUFFS...
TIME TO BRING DOWN THESE FREAKY GUARDS!
WHAT INSOLENCE IS THIS...?
WHUMP
FOOLISH BOY--NO ONE ESCAPES THE CULT OF LOKAR!
NNAAAGH!
NO--JACE!
WHUDD
:KAFF:--D-DON'T WORRY, SIS...
IT--HRNN--ONLY HURTS WHEN I LAUGH...


THERE'S NO POINT IN STRUGGLING, CHILDREN--NOTHING CAN SAVE YOUR MENTOR NOW...
NOT AGAINST THE HUNGER OF THE DEVOURER.
PREACH WHATEVER NONSENSE YOU'D LIKE, BUT I PROMISE YOU THIS...
TOUCH MY BROTHER AGAIN, AND I'LL BLAST A HOLE IN YOUR HEAD THE SIZE OF JUPITER.
HA! YOU CERTAINLY ARE SPIRITED, LITTLE ONE...
TSSSS
UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU...SPIRIT IS WHAT LORD ZORAK ENJOYS BREAKING THE MOST.
FINALLY-- IT FELT LIKE THOSE CREEPS WOULD NEVER LEAVE...
J-JAN-- LISTEN TO ME...

I--IF WE DON'T MAKE IT OUT OF HERE--I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M SORRY.
IF IT WASN'T FOR ME...WE NEVER WOULD'VE COME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE...

...
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR SOMETHING, YOU BIG DUMMY...
LET'S START WITH YOUR TERRIBLE JOKES, OKAY?

"BEYOND THAT, ALL I NEED FROM YOU IS TO KEEP THE FAITH..."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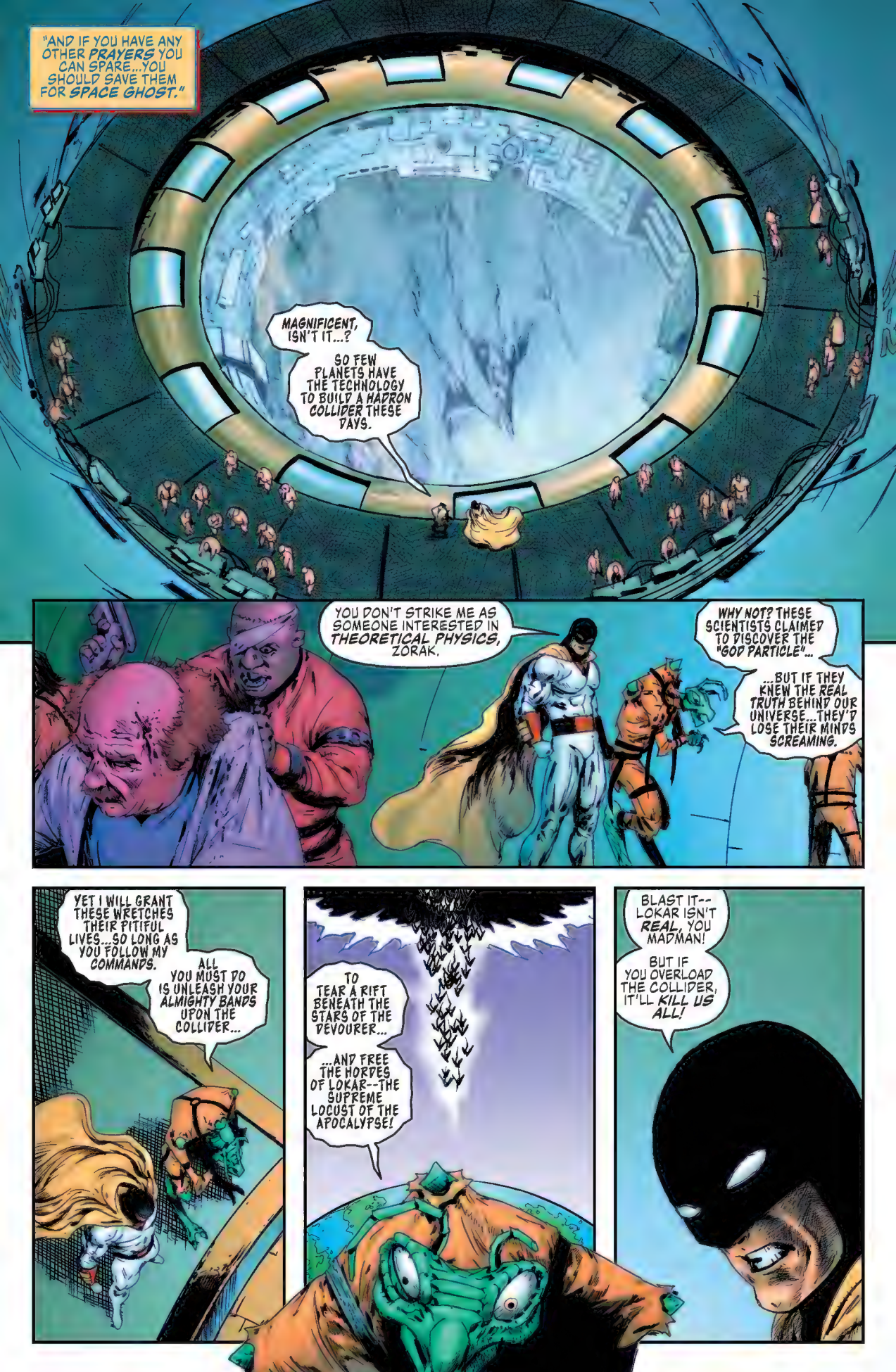
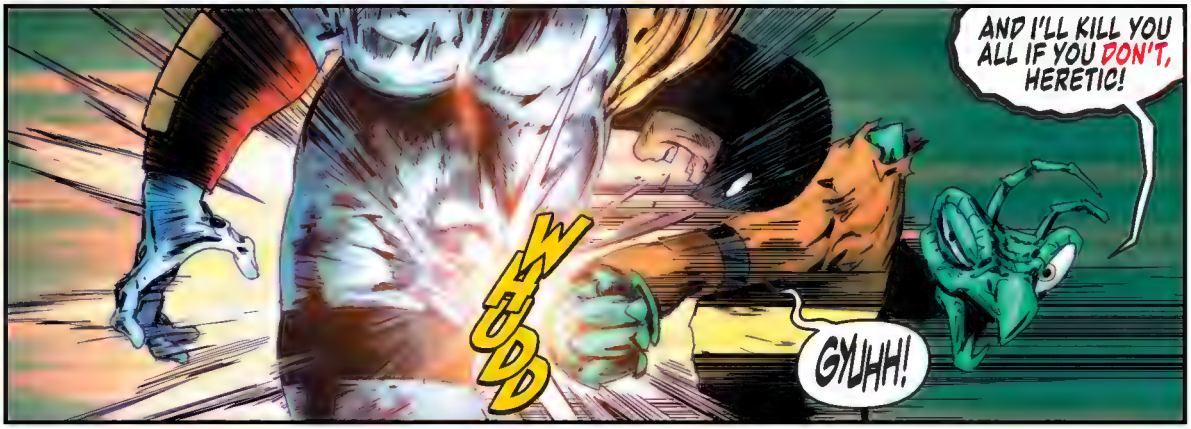

"AND IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PRAYERS YOU CAN SPARE...YOU SHOULD SAVE THEM FOR SPACE GHOST."
MAGNIFICENT, ISN'T IT...?
SO FEW PLANETS HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO BUILD A HADRON COLLIDER THESE DAYS.
YOU DON'T STRIKE ME AS SOMEONE INTERESTED IN THEORETICAL PHYSICS, ZORAK.
WHY NOT? THESE SCIENTISTS CLAIMED TO DISCOVER THE "GOD PARTICLE"...
...BUT IF THEY KNEW THE REAL TRUTH BEHIND OUR UNIVERSE...THEY'D LOSE THEIR MINDS SCREAMING.
YET I WILL GRANT THESE WRETCHES THEIR PITIFUL LIVES...SO LONG AS YOU FOLLOW MY COMMANDS.
ALL YOU MUST DO IS UNLEASH YOUR ALMIGHTY BANDS UPON THE COLLIDER...
TO TEAR A RIFT BENEATH THE STARS OF THE DEVOURER...
...AND FREE THE HORDES OF LOKAR--THE SUPREME LOCUST OF THE APOCALYPSE!
BLAST IT--LOKAR ISN'T REAL, YOU MADMAN!
BUT IF YOU OVERLOAD THE COLLIDER, IT'LL KILL US ALL!


AND I'LL KILL YOU ALL IF YOU DON'T, HERETIC!
WHUDD
GYUHH!

ALL THOSE YEARS IN OMEGAN PRISON, I'VE DREAMED OF US SHARING THIS MOMENT...
...BUT IF YOU STILL REQUIRE INCENTIVE...I HAVE OTHER MEANS TO MOTIVATE YOU.

MY DISCIPLES--ACTIVATE THE VACUUM CHAMBER!
AT ONCE, LORD ZORAK!
CHNNK

JAN--WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
OH NO... HE'S PUMPING OUT ALL THE OXYGEN IN THE ROOM!

NO--FOR THE LOVE OF HEAVEN, ZORAK...
DON'T DO THIS!

-KAFF!--- D-DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!
JAN'S RIGHT... HRRK... YOU CAN'T G-GIVE IN TO THAT MONSTER!
D-DO YOU HEAR ME, SPACE GHOST?!
GNNN-- JACE AND I KNEW THE R-RISKS...
P-PLEASE... YOU C-CAN'T LET ZORAK WIN...
NOOOOOOOO!
SHIZ
ARRAAK

YESSSSSSS--
MORE POWER, SPACE GHOST!
GIVE ME MORE POWER!
BLAST YOU, ZORAK--I'M READY TO DIE IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES...
"BUT IN THE NAME OF ALL THAT'S HOLY... LET THE KIDS GO!"
HA, LOOK AT THAT--DO YOU SEE HOW THE LITTLE ONE FLOPS AROUND?
HOLD ON, BROTHER-- I JUST FELT SOMETHING ON MY LEG...
ZRAK
BROTHER, WHAT'S GOING-- NNF!
SKREEE!

CHNK
:KAFF:--- WHAT ON EARTH?
NNN-- H-HOW ARE WE NOT DEAD...?
BLIP-- YOU SAVED US!
SKREEE!
GOOD BOY-- YOU'RE GETTING EXTRA BANANAS WHEN WE GET HOME!
C'MON, GRAB A BLASTER AND LET'S MOVE-- WE'VE STILL GOT A JOB TO DO...

"WE'VE GOTTA HELP SPACE GHOST STOP ZORAK BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!"
THAT'S IT, OLD FRIEND--SOON, THE REACTION WILL BE SELF-SUSTAINING!
SO IF YOU WISH TO SEE YOUR CHILDREN AGAIN...
KEEP FIRING!
PLEASE--LET ME BE DOING THE RIGHT THING...
HEY, SPACE GHOST!
C'MON, S.G.--DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU COULD STILL PULL OFF THE SOLO ACT?
BRAKK
ZKROWW
YEAH! IF I DIDN'T KNOW ANY BETTER, BOSS... I'D SAY YOU COULD USE SOME BACKUP!
JAN! JACE!
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!

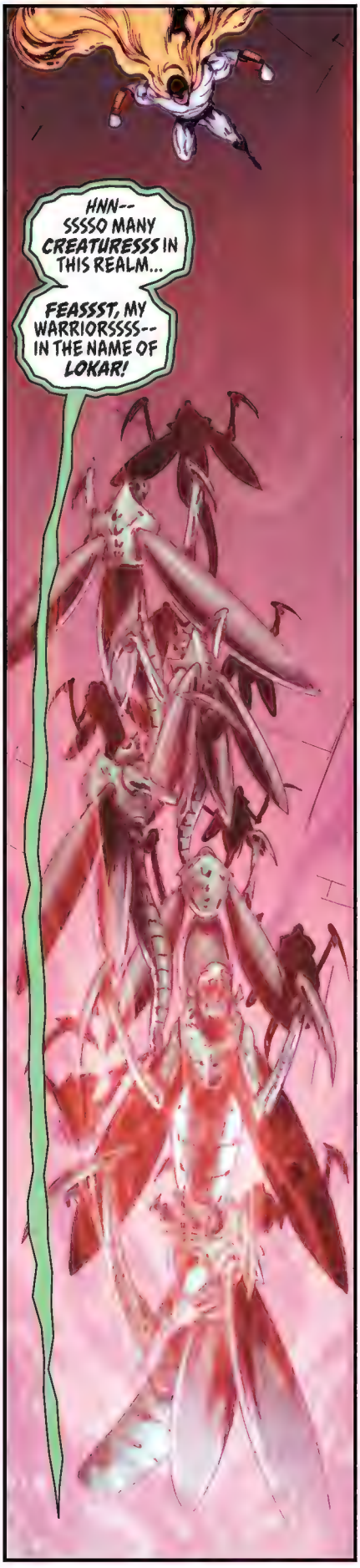
YOU CRAZY, STUPID KIDS...HOW DID YOU TWO MANAGE TO ESCAPE?
PING
SPANG
KZOW
SPANG
PING
KZOW
HEH, GET A LOAD OF THAT, JAN--I THINK THE BIG GUY ACTUALLY MISSED US!
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO JACE--IT WAS BLIP WHO DID ALL THE HEAVY LIFTING...
PING
FINE--BUT IF WE SURVIVE THIS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SERIOUS TALK...
I TOLD YOU THERE'D BE CONSEQUENCES IF YOU LEFT GHOST PLANET.
OH YEAH? YOU SAY A LOT OF THINGS, SPACE GHOST...
...BUT ALL I HEARD WAS THAT WE DON'T LET INNOCENT PEOPLE GET HURT.
...
THEN I GUESS YOU TWO REALLY WERE LISTENING AFTER ALL.

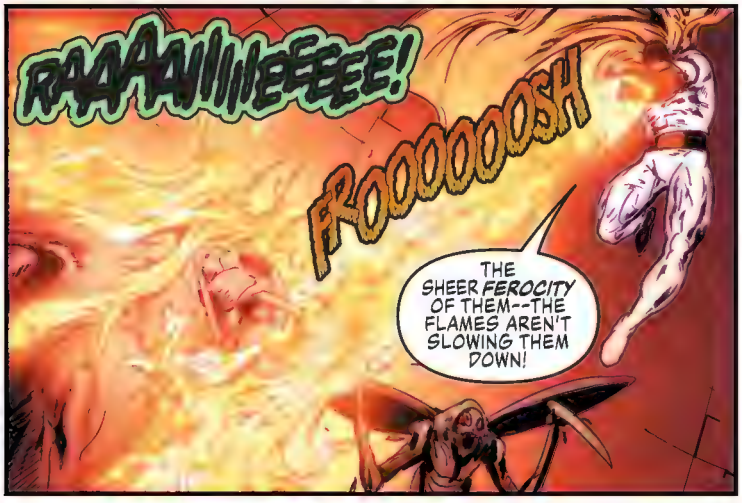
HAHAHA--YES...
THE ASCENSION IS COMING...
"THE STARS OF THE DEVOURER ARE FINALLY UPON US!
"YOU CALLED ME A MADMAN--BUT I AM MERELY THE MESSENGER..."

NOW THE UNIVERSE SHALL FEEL THE WRATH OF HIS REVELATION...
ALL HAIL THE LOCUST OF THE APOCALYPSE!

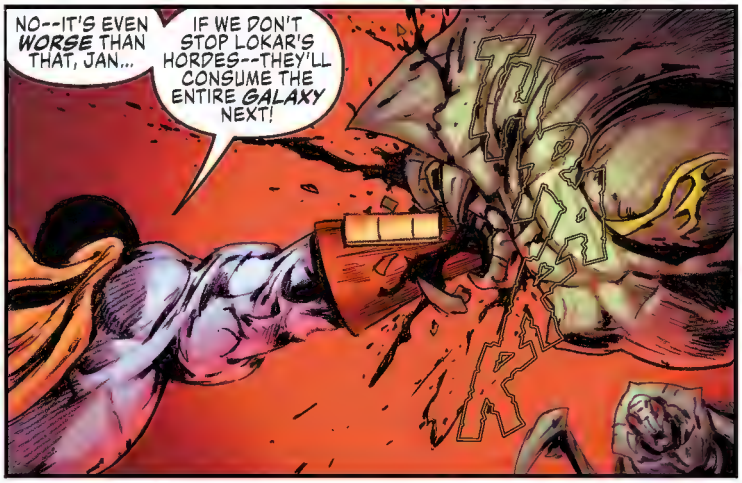
SSSSPEAK NOW--WHO SSSSUMMONS THE IMMORTAL SSSSWARM?
WHO SSSSUMMONS THE HUNGER OF LOKAR?!

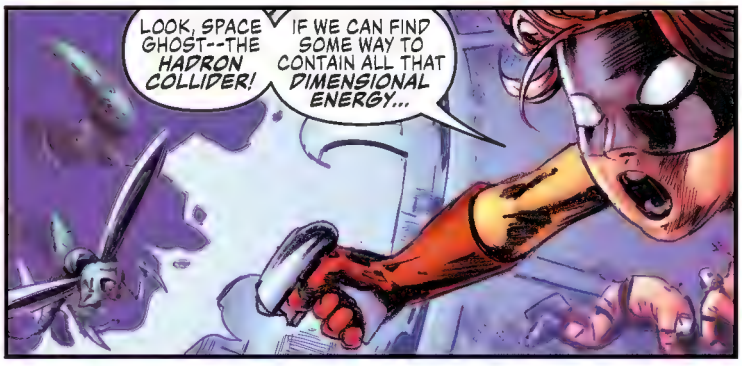
MY GOD--THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
SPACE GHOST--WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!


HNN--
SSSSO MANY CREATURESSS IN THIS REALM...
FEASSST, MY WARRIORSSSS--IN THE NAME OF LOKAR!


RAAAAAIIIIEEEEEE!
FROOOOOOSH
THE SHEER FEROCITY OF THEM--THE FLAMES AREN'T SLOWING THEM DOWN!

FKOW
FKOW
FKOW
GRRAAGH, JAN--WHY'D THEY HAVE TO BE BUGS?!
KEEP FIRING, JACE--WE CAN'T LET THOSE MONSTERS GET TO THE SCIENTISTS!


NO--IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THAT, JAN...
IF WE DON'T STOP LOKAR'S HORDES--THEY'LL CONSUME THE ENTIRE GALAXY NEXT!


LOOK, SPACE GHOST--THE HADRON COLLIDER!
IF WE CAN FIND SOME WAY TO CONTAIN ALL THAT DIMENSIONAL ENERGY...

"THEN MAYBE WE CAN CLOSE THIS BREACH ONCE AND FOR ALL!"
IT'S EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN I EVER IMAGINED...
PRAISE BE THE ALMIGHTY LOKAR--YOU HAVE LIFTED THE SCALES FROM MY EYES...

AND YOU HAVE PROVEN MY SUFFERING WAS NOT IN--
NYARRGH!
SPLAKK

FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE TO ME, ZORAK...I SHOULD TEACH YOU WHAT REAL SUFFERING LOOKS LIKE.
BUT THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR US NOW IS TO PRAY...

SHZZ!
ZRRRAAAK
PRAY THIS STUNT DOESN'T KILL ME WHERE I STAND!
"GRRAAGH--THE ENERGY...I'VE NEVER FELT ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE!"
HRNN--YOU MAY BELIEVE IN A HIGHER POWER, ZORAK...
BUT I MADE A PROMISE TO KEEP THOSE KIDS SAFE...
AND I'LL MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH TO DO IT!
SHRAKOWWWWWW
NO--THIS BLASPHEMY WILL NOT STAND!
THE RISE OF LOKAR CANNOT BE CONTAINED!

HRNN... N-NO...
Y-YOU CAN'T DO THIS...
NO--THE PROPHECY HAS ALREADY BEGUN, DAMN YOU!
EVERYTHING MUST FEED, SPACE GHOST--THAT IS THE TRUE LAW OF THE UNIVERSE!
SHRIPP
ARRRGH!
YET WHEN LOKAR CONSUMES US ALL, OUR VICIOUS CYCLE WILL END FOREVER...
FOR EVERY ANGEL HAS ITS DEMON--EVERY PROPHET HAS HIS BETRAYER...
AND EVERY MIRACLE HAS ITS SACRIFICE.

OBLIVION AWAITS, SPACE-- NNF!
ZRKOWW
OH.
HRRN-- NO TIME TO SAVE HIM...THE RIFT IS ALMOST SEALED...
NO--YOU SHALL NOT DEFY LOKAR, FOOLISH MORTAL!

NOOOOOOOOOOO!
KA-OOOOOOOOOOOM

S-SPACE GHOST...?
I...I SWEAR I SAW ZORAK PULL THE KNIFE...
OH GOD...
I...I THINK I KILLED HIM.
DEAR LORD...HE'S IN SHOCK!
JACE, IT'S ALL RIGHT--YOU CAN LOWER THE BLASTER NOW...
I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED, SON--BUT YOU SAVED US ALL.
IF YOU HADN'T STEPPED IN, I'D BE DEAD... AND LOKAR'S ARMIES WOULD'VE WIPED OUT THE GALAXY.
I HONESTLY WISH I COULD BELIEVE THAT...
...BUT I DON'T FEEL VERY HEROIC RIGHT NOW.

I'M SORRY, SPACE GHOST...
BUT I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.

I QUIT.
NEXT:
TWO AGAINST MOLTAR!

NEXT ISSUE

After the shattering events of issue #5, Robo-Corp is working hard to keep the forces of the Galactic Federation busy and distracted. To that end, they're bringing in their heaviest hitter to aid in their evil scheme - MOLTAR!

A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED MURDER MYSTERY

ALEX SEGURA (*STAR WARS*) BRINGS GREEN HORNET &MISS FURY TO TANGO IN AN EXCITING CROSSOVER OF PULP HERO LEGENDS

Alex, you've been flexing your great approach to pulpy and noir-esque stories, such as your fantastic novels Secret Identity, Alter Ego, the Pete Fernandez mystery series, and the Dick Tracy and Black Ghost comic series. What draws you to these kinds of stories?

I love crime stories because they explore the gray areas of people and society — especially noir, which, by my definition, is about what people do when under extreme pressure. What happens when people are cornered and are forced to face their own bad choices? The idea of heroes under these circumstances is pretty fascinating to me, and I'm particularly intrigued by exploring villains and how they don't see themselves as villains — how they rationalize their actions to make themselves the hero. Pulp stories, in particular, are fun — these characters have resonated for generations because they appeal to a core readership, so finding new ways to make them work is a fun puzzle.

Both of these characters have a really interesting legacy in and outside of comics. Green Hornet originates in radio and made his way into comics back in the 1940s, while Miss Fury is historic as the first female superhero-like character created by a woman. What sparked the idea of bringing these two characters together?

Well, I wish I could take credit for the idea itself — but that came from Dynamite. Editor Joe Corallo reached out to me and asked if I wanted to do a crossover with them and I almost immediately said yes. I have a fondness for the pulp heroes, Green Hornet, and the overall Project Superpowers/ Masks characters that Dynamite publishes — I had a great time writing the Scarlet Sisters one-shot a few years back. So I really liked the concept of bringing these two heroes together in Green Hornet/ Miss Fury, not only because of their long, multimedia histories, but because I thought it'd be a lot of fun to weave their stories together somehow, and create a canonical inflection point for both of them to share and contrast off.

So many creators through the eras have taken on these characters, adding their own ideas and voices to the foundations established at their beginnings. How are you approaching writing these two icons?

I'm collaborating with my friend Henry Barajas, who's a super-talented writer and strong voice in comics. Part of the appeal of the gig is getting the chance to riff with him on these iconic characters. But for me, I try to think about what makes the characters interesting and strip away the stuff that doesn't really speak to me — like, how can we contrast these two long-running heroes and make them interesting to not only write, but to see interact? How do they play off each other? How do we flip some of the tropes? And, most importantly, how can we be additive? How can we create something that feels timeless but also fresh? So, for me, it's about how we can get to the core of these characters quickest, without bogging people down with rehashed origin stories or exposition. They've been around for decades — people know them. I want to cut to the chase as quickly as possible so we can tell a fun adventure that will leave you wanting more.

Can you tease a bit about what story is going down and how these two cross paths?

The story is set in the 1960s, so Henry and I really want to give it a late Silver Age vibe — not retro in the sense of, like, Batman '66, but more grounded while still embracing the era. We find our two heroes at very different points in their careers — Green Hornet and Kato are fairly established and doing their best to fight crime in the city, while Miss Fury is a new player in the game — eager to shake up the establishment and question authority. But when they realize someone is gunning for masked vigilantes — including someone they both know and care for — they might have to put aside their differences to stop the killing spree, ideally in time to survive themselves!

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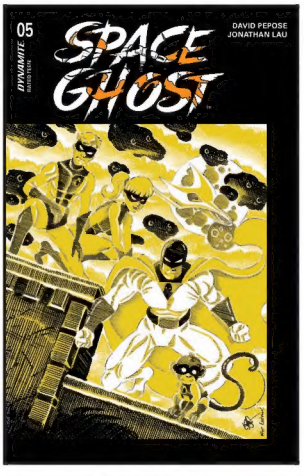

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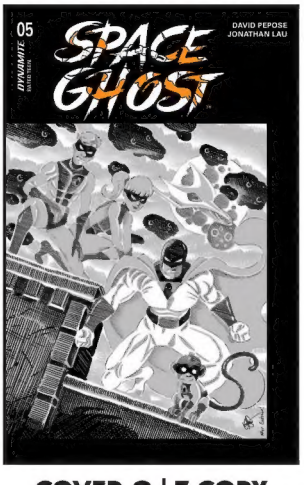

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